

Application No.: 10/629172

Case No.: 50335US012

REMARKS

Claims 26 to 49 are pending. Claims 1 to 25 have been cancelled. Claims 26 to 49 have been added.

Objections

Claims 5-8 stand objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c) as being in improper form. Claims 5-8 have been cancelled, rendering the outstanding objection moot. Applicant requests that the objection to claims 5-8 be withdrawn.

Obviousness-type Double Patenting Rejection

Claims 1-4, 24 and 25 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting. Claims 1-4, 24 and 25 have been cancelled, rendering the outstanding rejection moot. Applicant requests that the obviousness-type double patenting rejection be withdrawn.

New Claims

Applicants have cancelled claims 1-25 and request the acceptance of new claims 26-49. Claims 26-49 are supported by the specification. Applicant submits no new matter is added.

In view of the above, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the application is requested.

Allowance of claims 26-49 at an early date is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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